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January 3, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As the stipulations of the Tunney Act mandate, I am writing to express my unwavering backing for the antitrust settlement against Microsoft. The settlement is eminently fair, and there should not be any reason as to why the government should pursue any further action against Microsoft. I am therefore going on record as supporting the settlement.

The proposed agreement requires significant changes in the way Microsoft develops and licenses its software. The settlement requires the uniform allocation of licensing agreements to the top twenty computer manufacturers, and is charged with redesigning Microsoft Windows XP to be more accommodating to non-Microsoft products. While new government regulation will be imposed on the IT sector, this settlement will provide certainty about the new rules and thereby ensure that our industry can continue delivering advanced technology to the marketplace.

I fully support the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. Thank you for your time, and I appreciate this comment opportunity.

Sipcerely,

Gary Gfoss